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Proprietor, NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, Washington, D. C."Under the provisions of the act of Congress
approved February 21, 1871, a Territorial
government was organized in the District of Columbia, which has full power to
execute the provisions of its charter. Under
the direction of the Territorial officers, a system
of improvements has been inaugurated, by means
of which Washington is rapidly becoming a city
worthy of the nation's capital. The citizens of
the District having voluntarily taxed themselves
to the amount of \$1,000,000, and contributed
to the advancement of the seat of Government, I
recommend liberal appropriations on the part of Congress, in order that the Govern-
ment may bear its just share of the expense of
carrying out a judicious system of improve-
ments."—President Grant's Message.**THE AWAKENING OF THE SOUTH.**

The Southern States are at last beginning

to have some conception of how great a curse

slavery brought upon them.

The writers and thinkers of that section are slow

to admit the fact that to the human system to

which they so fondly clung, to perpetuate

which they made so desperate an effort, and

to which they had no right, was bad, with

respect to that system, two reasons: first,

the unscrupulous frankness and modesty

of these positions is true, pro-

viding the same condition of things exists in

other states that unfortunately exist in

our country.

We question very

whether any Northern State there is

such a raging desire to forgive rebels and

put them into office as to induce any consider-

able number of Republicans to join the

Democratic party for the purpose of achieving

general amnesty. We also very much

doubt whether the personal grievances or

personal ambitions of the Southerners of any

other state can detach any great number of

people from their allegiance to long-cherished

principles and carry them over to the enemy,

as was done in the State of Missouri.

But, granted that we are mistaken in this,

that Greeley and his friends are as bad

and formidable as he represents—what then?

Mr. Greeley presents the ugly horn of the

dilemma he has manufactured substantially

thus: Give us the nomination or we will sell

out to the Democracy elect their man.

—On the 11th of January, the green being of

the year, Mr. Greeley, after the withdrawal

of the green, and started on his tour of the

country, he said to his audience:

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